

**AUBURN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA**

City Hall, Council Chambers
1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603

April 25, 2011

Closed Session 5:30 p.m.

Regular Session 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code Section 54957:6

(1) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

G.C. 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Robert Richardson, Patrick Clark

Employee Group: All Bargaining Units

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Youth Temperance Education Week

AGENDA APPROVAL

This is the time set aside for council members and/or the public to ask for removal, postponement or a change to the listed sequence of an agenda item.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one blanket motion with a roll call vote.

There will be no separate discussion of these items unless persons request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action. Any items removed will be considered after the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

1. **Surplus Equipment**

Pages 7-10

By **RESOLUTION**, declare as surplus to the City's needs the equipment listed on Exhibit A and direct staff to contract with an auctioneer to assist the City in disposal of equipment or properly dispose of items.

2. **Authorization to Submit an Application to Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to consider annexation of two properties totaling ±16.1 acres located at 880 & 890 Foresthill Avenue**

Pages 11-30

A. By **RESOLUTION**, adopt a Categorical Exemption prepared for the project as the appropriate level of environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Guidelines; and,

B. By **RESOLUTION**, authorize the submission of an application with the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to consider annexation of ±16.1 acres located at 880 & 890 Foresthill Avenue.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

3. **Public Comment**

This is the time provided so that persons may speak to the Council on any item not on this agenda. Please make your comments as brief as possible. The Council cannot act on items not included on this agenda; however, the items will be automatically referred to staff.

REPORTS

4. **City Council Committee Reports**

The purpose of these reports is to provide information to the city council and public on projects and programs that are discussed at committee meetings. **No decisions are to be made on these issues.** If a council member would like formal action on any of these discussed items, it will be placed on a future city council agenda.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

5. **CalPERS Contract Amendment Urgency Ordinance – Section 21362 (2% @ 50 Full Formula) for Local Safety Members**

Pages 31-42

Readopt **ORDINANCE 11-01 as an Urgency Ordinance**, approving an amendment to the contract between the City of Auburn and CalPERS, providing Public Employees' Retirement Law Section 20475 (Different Level of Benefits) for local safety members whereby Section 21362 (2% @ 50 Full Formula) is applicable to local safety members entering membership for the first time in the safety classification after the effective date of the amendment to the contract.

6. **California Citizens Redistricting Commission and Placer County**

Pages 43-46

By **MOTION**,

(1) Mail the proposed letter from the Auburn City Council to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission requesting that Placer County be kept whole in the redistricting process; and

(2) Send an email with this attached report and sample letter to various agencies encouraging their governing board to send a letter to the Commission in support of keeping Placer County whole in the redistricting process.

ADJOURNMENT

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Council after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office, 1225 Lincoln Way, Room 8, Auburn, CA 95603 during normal business hours.

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City of Auburn *Proclamation*

YOUTH TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK

APRIL 24TH THROUGH APRIL 30TH 2011

WHEREAS, the widespread use of alcohol, other narcotics and tobacco is increasing highway accidents, broken homes, and the loss of lives: and

WHEREAS, information is greatly needed to educate our youth and our community if their minds are to be unclouded by these false social crutches; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Temperance Council of the "Women's Christian Temperance Union" is concerned with promoting a drug free way of life.

NOW THEREFORE, I, William W. Kirby, Mayor of the City of Auburn, do hereby proclaim April 24th through April 30th, 2010 as

"YOUTH TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK"

and urge all civic, educational, religious, social and other organizations to make a substantial contribution to the development of high moral, spiritual and social standards by the use of temperance education for our youth.



Issued this 25th day of April 2011

William W. Kirby, Mayor

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Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

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Agenda Item No.

City Manager Approval

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Bernie Schroeder, Public Works Director
Megan Siren, Administrative Analyst
Date: April 25, 2011
Subject: Surplus Equipment

The Issue

Shall the City Council authorize City Staff to surplus vehicles and miscellaneous equipment?

Conclusion and Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council, BY RESOLUTION, declare as surplus to the City's needs the equipment listed on Exhibit A and direct staff to contract with an auctioneer to assist the City in disposal of equipment or properly dispose of items.

Background

Historically, City Staff has prepared a list of surplus equipment for the purpose of clearing out unwanted or unneeded City property. The surplus list includes miscellaneous equipment that are obsolete or no longer used for City functions.

The electronic equipment is broken and has no value and will be recycled properly. The office equipment will be offered to the Boys & Girls Club prior to disposal.

Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives

1. Accept Staff Recommendation
2. Amend Staff Recommendation
3. Do not authorize staff recommendation

Fiscal Impact

Revenues generated from the auction will return to the City's General Fund and Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Attachment: Exhibit A
Resolution

Surplus Equipment

Equipment	Year	Make	Model/Description	VIN/Serial	License #	Estimated Value
Sew-5	1994	Trailer Mounted Isuzu Generator	MEP-804A/15-V Diesel	RZG-00768	n/a	\$ 2,000
Sew		VFD Controller	M3400B	20730H01		-
Sew		VFD Controller	M3400B	20729H01		-
Sew		VFD Controller	HFC-VWS	D1099		-
Sew		50 HP Motor	3 Phase 230/460	01MAN 4858 C001		\$ 40
Sew		Pbody 7HP pumps	SGV753 MS	71961-1186		\$ 40
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Sew		1HP motors	P56K25E7	DHE3-T		\$ 40
Sew		1HP motors	P56K25E7	DHE3-T		\$ 40
Sew		1HP motors	P56K25E7	DHE3-T		\$ 40
Sew		30HP Motors	SD4P30T61Y			\$ 40
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Sew		Crane Control	R11546	188752		\$ 10
Sew		US Filter Micro 2000 Analyzer's				-
Sew		US Filter Micro 2000 Analyzer's				-
Sew		US Filter Micro 2000 Analyzer's				-
Sew		9 - Electrical Panels				-
Sew		Misc. Pump Guides & Heavy Hardware				-
Sew		VFD Controller	Rubicon ID454GT	91-63212.15		-
		Dell Monitor	UltraScan Monitor	MX-06271R47741-08A-31EP		\$ 10
		Microsoft Keyboard	Internet Keyboard	5167705913311		\$ -
		Computer	Nothing on it - White box	None		\$ -
		Sony Monitor	TFT LCD Display/SDM-S74	3500535		\$ 10
		APC UPS	XS1000	JB0512042658		\$ -
		APC UPS	XS1000	JB0512042649		\$ -
		Mita Copier	DC-4090	37024319		\$ 100
		HP Printer	Scanjet 3970	CN45AB24GP		\$ -
		HP Printer	Laserjet 8100	USD0008		\$ -
		HP Printer	Laserjet 8100	USCG034893		\$ -
APD		Fellows Paper Shredder		171113240137460R		\$ -
		MGE Battery Back Up	N/A	N/A		\$ -
APD		Rolling Desk Chairs (2)				\$ -
APD		Office Table w/ 3 Chairs				-
APD		Love Seat/Chair				-
APD		Coffee Table				-
APD		Printer Stand				-
		Dell Computer	Optiplex 745	4QJL2C1		\$ -
		Dell Computer	Optiplex gx240	8VCYB11		\$ -
		Dell Speakers				-
		Harmon Kardon Speakers				-
		Dell Monitor	E177FPc	cn-0fj181-64180-66s-3jjs		\$ 10
		Dell Monitor	E177FPc	cn-0fj181-64180-6677-42cs		\$ 10
		Printvalue Toner	91A	n/a		\$ 10

RESOLUTION NO. 11-

RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

That the City Council of the City of Auburn does hereby declare as surplus to the City's needs the equipment listed on Exhibit A and direct staff to contract with an auctioneer to assist the City in disposal of equipment or properly dispose of the items.

A true and correct copy of surplus items is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

DATED: April 25, 2011

William W. Kirby, M.D., Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn held on the 25th day of April 2011 by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

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Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item	2
Agenda Item No.	
City Manager's Approval	

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Lance E. Lowe, AICP, Associate Planner
Date: April 25, 2011
Subject: Authorization to Submit an Application to the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to Consider Annexation of Two Properties Totaling ±16.1 Acres Located at 880 & 890 Foresthill Avenue

The Issue

Should the City Council Authorize the submittal of an application to the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to consider annexation of two properties totaling ±16.1 acres located at 880 and 890 Foresthill Avenue (**Attachment 1**)?

Conclusions and Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council take the following actions:

- A. By Resolution, adopt a Categorical Exemption prepared for the project as the appropriate level of environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Guidelines (**Exhibit A**); and,
- B. By Resolution, authorize the submittal of an application to LAFCO to consider Annexation of ±16.1 acres located at 880 & 890 Foresthill Avenue (**Exhibit B**).

History/Background

The applicant has obtained a Minor Use Permit (MUP) from the Placer County Community Development & Resource Agency to replace an existing singly family dwelling unit on his ±10.6 acre property located at 890 Foresthill Avenue. A condition of the MUP requires the applicant to obtain sewer connections from the City for each of the dwellings (4 total) prior to obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy for the replaced residence (Condition of Approval No. 4)(**Attachments 2 & 3**).

In order to obtain additional sewer connections from the City, it has been the City's policy that property owners desiring additional City sewer hookups be required to annex into the City prior to obtaining additional City sewer connections. Accordingly, the applicant has been unable to comply with Placer County's Condition of Approval No. 4. and is therefore requesting that his property be considered for annexation by the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) (**Attachment 4**).

The applicant has also spoken with the adjoining property owners and the Placer County Land Trust, which owns an adjoining property at 880 Foresthill Avenue (between the City of Auburn and applicant's property) has agreed to participate in the annexation proceedings. According to correspondence received from the Placer County Land Trust (**Attachment 5**), the Placer County Land Trust is agreeable to the annexation provided that: 1) No further development will occur on the properties; 2) Placer Land Trust property will be designated Open Space Conservation; and, 3) No costs will be incurred by Placer Land Trust related to the annexation process.

Project Description

Adoption of the attached resolutions provides authorization to LAFCO to accept an annexation application for processing. The ±16.1 acre properties located at 880 & 890 Foresthill Avenue adjoin property currently outside of the City's jurisdiction, but are within the City's Sphere of Influence. The City's General Plan Land Use designation for the subject properties is Urban Low Density Residential which allows four (4) dwelling units per acre.

In addition to annexation of the properties into the City, the applicant is requesting that the Community Development Department concurrently process entitlements consisting of a General Plan Amendment and Pre-zone for both of the properties. The General Plan designation of Urban Low Density Residential is proposed to be changed to Open Space and Pre-Zoned to Open Space Conservation for the Placer Land Trust property identified as APN: 054-290-063. The applicant's property is proposed to be changed from Urban Low Density Residential to Low Density Residential, which allows a density of ½ units per acre and a Pre-Zone to Agricultural Residential, minimum parcel size of 2.5 units per acre (**Attachment 6**).

The General Plan Amendment & Rezone require public hearings at both the Planning Commission and City Council. The Annexation, General Plan Amendment & Pre-zone applications will run concurrently. Ratification of a tax sharing agreement between the City and County is required prior to approval of the annexation by LAFCO.

Annexation Policy

In accordance with Resolution No. 99-64 it has been the policy of the City of Auburn that the City shall actively encourage annexation. Specifically, Resolution 99-64 states:

"That pre-annexation activities shall be initiated for those areas within an appropriate sphere of influence that (1) are fiscally sound additions to the City; (2) can be served by municipal facilities or an acceptable alternative; (3) are beneficial to the residents and businesses within the City of Auburn and the area to be annexed; and, (4) conform with the policies of the Auburn General Plan."

General Plan Consistency

As depicted on the City of Auburn Land Use Map, the subject property is designated for Urban Low Density Residential (ULDR) use. A Residential Low Density designation allows a density of up to 4 dwelling units per net acre. Land Use Policies of the City of Auburn General Plan promote annexation provided the annexation is fiscally sound and provisions for water, sewer,

and drainage system improvements are provided. The project is consistent with the Urban Low Density Residential General Plan designation and the following General Plan policies and goals:

- Policy 10.1 – Utilize development standards and annexation to promote open space and to manage the rate, location, and type of growth.
- Policy 10.2 – Annex those lands which can be developed in accordance with the Auburn General Plan, are fiscally sound additions to the City, can be adequately served by municipal (or acceptable alternative) facilities and services, and are part of a planned, orderly annexation program.
- Policy 10.3 – Pre-zone all properties proposed for annexation in a manner consistent with the Auburn General Plan.
- Policy 10.4 – The Auburn General Plan and zoning designations for annexed land should consider the following criteria:
 - a. The capacity of facilities and municipal services.
 - b. The environmental effects that development on lands proposed for annexation may have on properties within the existing city limits.
 - c. Existing land uses, if any, on and in the vicinity of the land use.
 - d. The extent of any natural habitats and features of the landscape which should be preserved.
 - e. The demonstrated need for additional housing, retail commercial uses, other commercial uses, and industrial uses.

Environmental Determination

The subject property contains four (4) dwelling units with associated improvements. No further development is proposed with the annexation and the City services to be provided would only serve existing development.

In accordance with Section 15319, Class 19, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Guidelines, the project may be determined to be Categorical Exempt under the following provisions:

- a) Annexations to a city or special district of areas containing existing public or private structures developed to the density allowed by the current zoning or pre-zoning of either the gaining or losing governmental agency whichever is more restrictive, provided however, that the extension of utility services to the existing facilities would have a capacity to serve only the existing facilities.
- b) Annexations of individual small parcels of the minimum size for facilities exempted by Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives

1. Adopt the Resolutions authorizing the submittal of an application to the Placer County Local Formation Commission; or,
2. Do not adopt the Resolutions authorizing submittal of an application to the Placer County Local Formation Commission; or,

3. Provide further direction to Staff.

Fiscal Impacts

As a component of annexation and prior to approval by LAFCO, a City/County Tax Sharing Agreement is required to be ratified between the City and County. Once negotiated between the City and County, the Tax Sharing Agreement shall be presented to the City Council for approval.

Additional Information

Please see the following attachments for more details:

ATTACHMENTS –

1. Vicinity Map
2. Site Plan
3. County of Placer Community Development Resource Agency Approval
4. Applicant's Correspondence dated April 14, 2011
5. Placer County Land Trust Correspondence dated March 24, 2011
6. City of Auburn General Plan Land Use & Zoning Maps

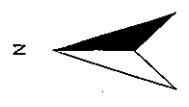
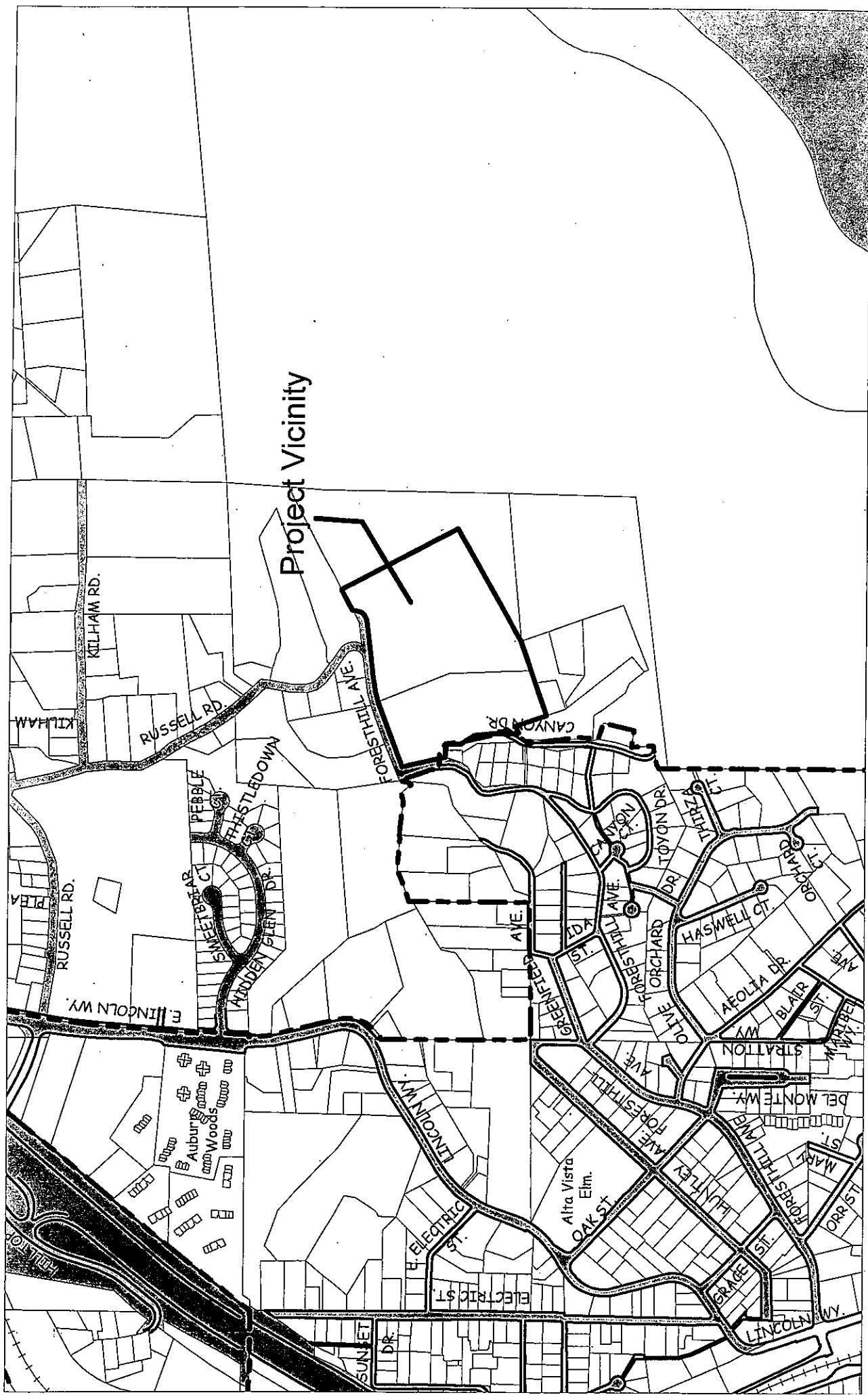
EXHIBITS –

- A. Resolution adopting Categorical Exemption with Attached Categorical Exemption
- B. Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application with the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission.



ATTACHMENTS

880 & 890 Foresthill Avenue



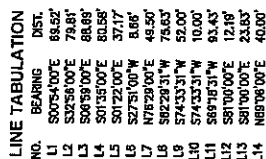


EXHIBIT MAP

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EXISTING STRUCTURES

A PORTION OF

SECTION 11, T12N R8E, MDM

PLACER COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

SCALE: 1"=100' APRIL 14, 2011

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GEOMATICS**

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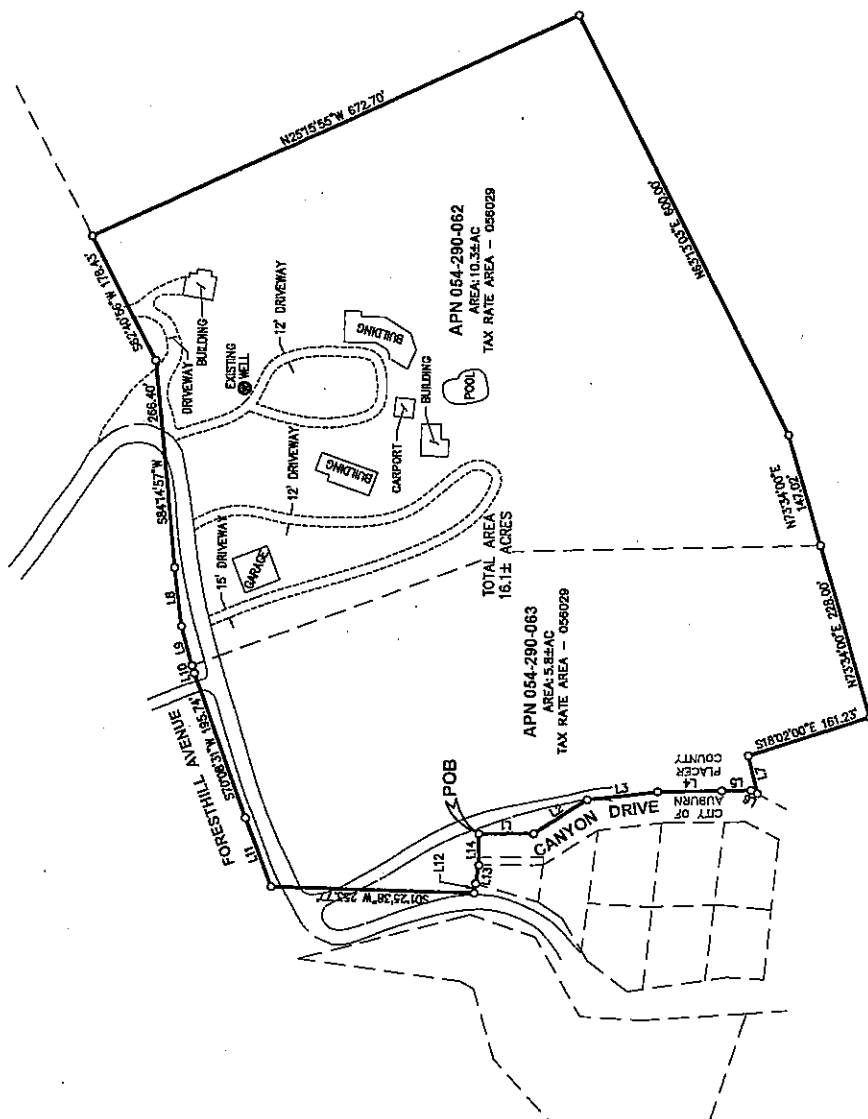
PREPARED AT THE REQUEST OF:

AT THE REQUEST OF THE
RON MEYER

BOUNDARY SHOWN HEREON BASED ON RECORD PER DOCUMENT NO.
98-0059192 AND DOCUMENT NO. 99-0059193

HORIZONTAL DATUM:
LOCAL GROUND COORDINATE:

ATTACHMENT 2





COUNTY OF PLACER
Community Development Resource Agency

ATTACHMENT 3

PLANNING

Michael J. Johnson, AICP
Agency Director

FINAL FINDINGS AND FINAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
MINOR USE PERMIT PMPC 20100380 - MEYER

CEQA FINDINGS:

The project is Categorically Exempt from environmental review pursuant to the provisions of Section 15302 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Section 18.36.040 of the Placer County Environmental Review Ordinance (Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction).

FINAL FINDINGS:

1. The proposed use is consistent with applicable policies and requirements of the Placer County General Plan and the Auburn/Bowman Community Plan.
2. The proposed project is consistent with all applicable provisions of the Placer County Zoning Ordinance.
3. The Minor Use Permit does not authorize a use that is not otherwise allowed in the zoning district.

FINAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

1. This Minor Use Permit (PMPCT20100380) is approved to allow for the construction of a 3,000 square foot single-family residence at the location of an existing storm-damaged residence on APN 054-290-062.
2. The applicant shall obtain a building permit for the construction of the single-family residence.
3. The applicant shall construct the single-family residence within the footprint of the residence to be demolished.
4. Prior to Building permit issuance, submit to Environmental Health Services a "Will-serve" letter from the City of Auburn stating that the City of Auburn sewer district can and will provide sewerage service to all plumbed structures on the subject parcel. Connect all residences and structures with plumbing on the parcel to this public sewer, and properly abandon all existing septic systems on site. All remaining septic system abandonments to be completed with permit and inspection by the Placer County Building Department. Prior to issuance of an Environmental Health Services Final for a building permit, submit written verification to Environmental Health Services of completion of the above.
5. Prior to building permit issuance, submit to Environmental Health Services, a will serve letter from Placer County Water Agency for domestic treated water service, and connect the project to this domestic treated water supply.
6. This approval shall expire on December 27, 2012 unless previously exercised.

ATTACHMENT 4

April 14, 2011

City of Auburn
1225 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA 95603

To whom it may concern:

The following is a brief history leading up to the need for annexation into the city of Auburn. We purchased this property located at 890 Foresthill Avenue, Auburn, in July of 2002. After moving onto the property we experienced a failing septic system for the house that we will be replacing. After exploring all alternatives for on site disposal we realized we had no solutions to remedy the problem. We then installed a sewer line connecting to the City of Auburn.

In October of 2010 we hired an architect to draw plans for a house to replace the existing one. I then visited all the agencies at Placer County and was told I would need a minor use permit that we were granted Dec. 16, 2010. One of the conditions of the use permit was that we connect all plumbed structures to the city sewer. We then went to the city to get a will serve letter for sewer connection and were told we would need to annex in order to do so.

If I can answer any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,



Ron and Kathy Meyer



ATTACHMENT 5



Natural Wonders Forever

March 24, 2011

Placer Land Trust

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Auburn, CA 95603
(530) 887-9222
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info@placerlandtrust.org
www.placerlandtrust.org

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Executive Director

Jeff Darlington

Placer Land Trust works with willing landowners and conservation partners to permanently preserve natural and agricultural lands in Placer County for future generations.



Placer Land Trust is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization incorporated in 1991, accredited by the national Land Trust Accreditation Commission. Federal Tax Identification Number: 68-0223143.

To: Wilfred Wong, City of Auburn
Ron Meyer
Kristina Berry, LAFCO
Bob Gilliom, Emigrant Trails Greenway Trust
Meyer/Stagecoach area neighbors

On March 15, 2011, Placer Land Trust's neighbor Ron Meyer informed Placer Land Trust (PLT) that he is seeking City of Auburn approval for City sewer service to an existing site on his Foresthill Avenue property.

Ron and the City informed PLT that the City and/or LAFCO would require Ron's property and the intervening property – a portion of PLT's Stagecoach Preserve – to be annexed into the City of Auburn, in order for this service to be approved.

PLT has discussed this proposal with Ron Meyer and with Wilfred Wong, Community Development Director for the City of Auburn.

Placer Land Trust is willing to have a portion of its Stagecoach Preserve annexed into the City of Auburn, subject to the following understandings and actions.

First, PLT's policy is to avoid taking actions that facilitate development around its protected lands, and, if possible, to enhance its protected lands through a variety of actions with willing landowners (including limiting adjacent development through agreements with willing landowners).

In this case, PLT policy does not prevent PLT from accommodating Ron Meyer's sewer hook-up to an existing building site, since it does not result in increased development density either on the Meyer property or other adjacent properties. Ron Meyer's sewer hook-up proposal is consistent with that certain *Deed of Sewer Line Easement, June 2, 2004*, by and between PLT and Ron Meyer, which restricts the amount of sewer service to the Meyer property across PLT's Stagecoach Preserve.

Consistent with its policy, PLT will not allow any additional City sewer or other utilities to cross Stagecoach Preserve, whether to Ron Meyer or any other neighbor.

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Furthermore, Ron Meyer has agreed to place deed restrictions on his property, enforceable by PLT, to forever limit development to four residential units, regardless of future changes in property zoning or ownership. Given that fact, and with Ron Meyer's consent, PLT encourages the City to zone the Meyer property consistent with this existing density upon annexation.

Secondly, PLT requires Ron Meyer to compensate PLT for any costs incurred by PLT related to the annexation process.

Finally, PLT understands that this annexation will not increase the property tax burden on our Stagecoach Preserve property, and PLT requests the City to zone the annexed portions of its Stagecoach Preserve as Open Space, consistent with the property's protected status and existing and perpetual use for public benefit.

Placer Land Trust values our relationships with the City of Auburn and with our neighbors, many of whom in this neighborhood joined with Emigrant Trails Greenway Trust and the Meyer family to fund PLT's acquisition and permanent protection of Stagecoach Preserve.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

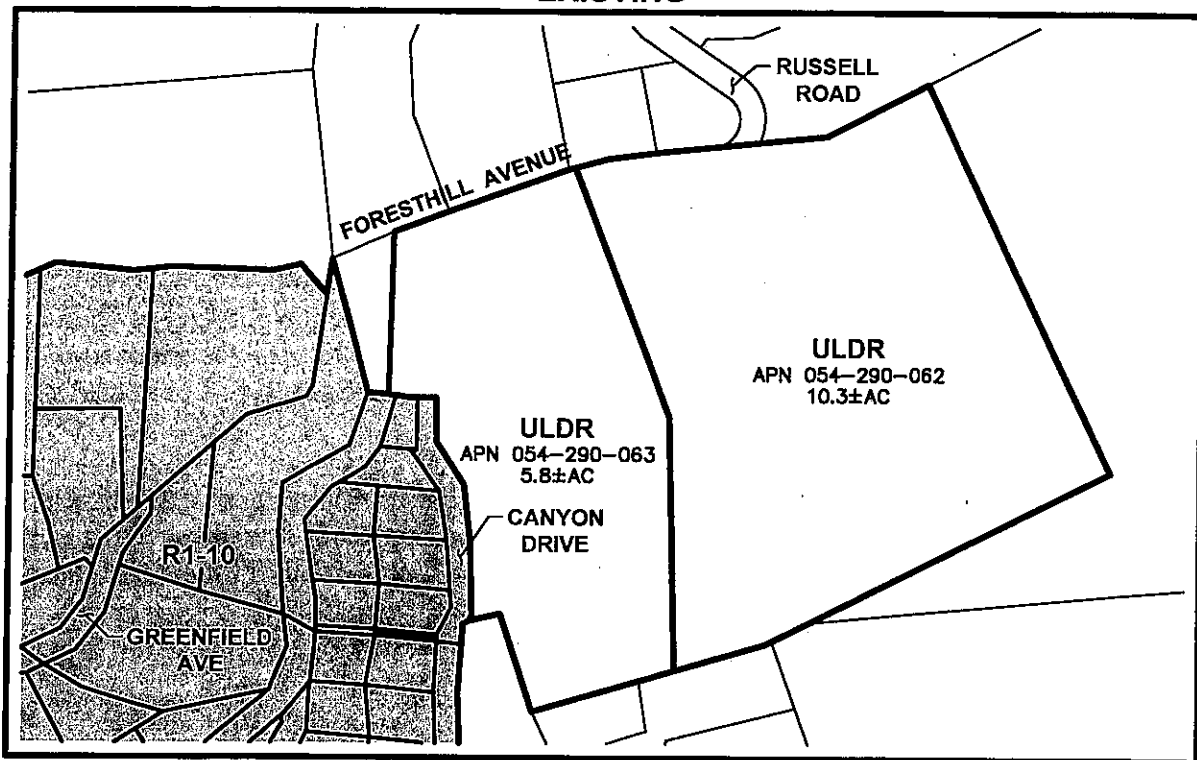
Sincerely,

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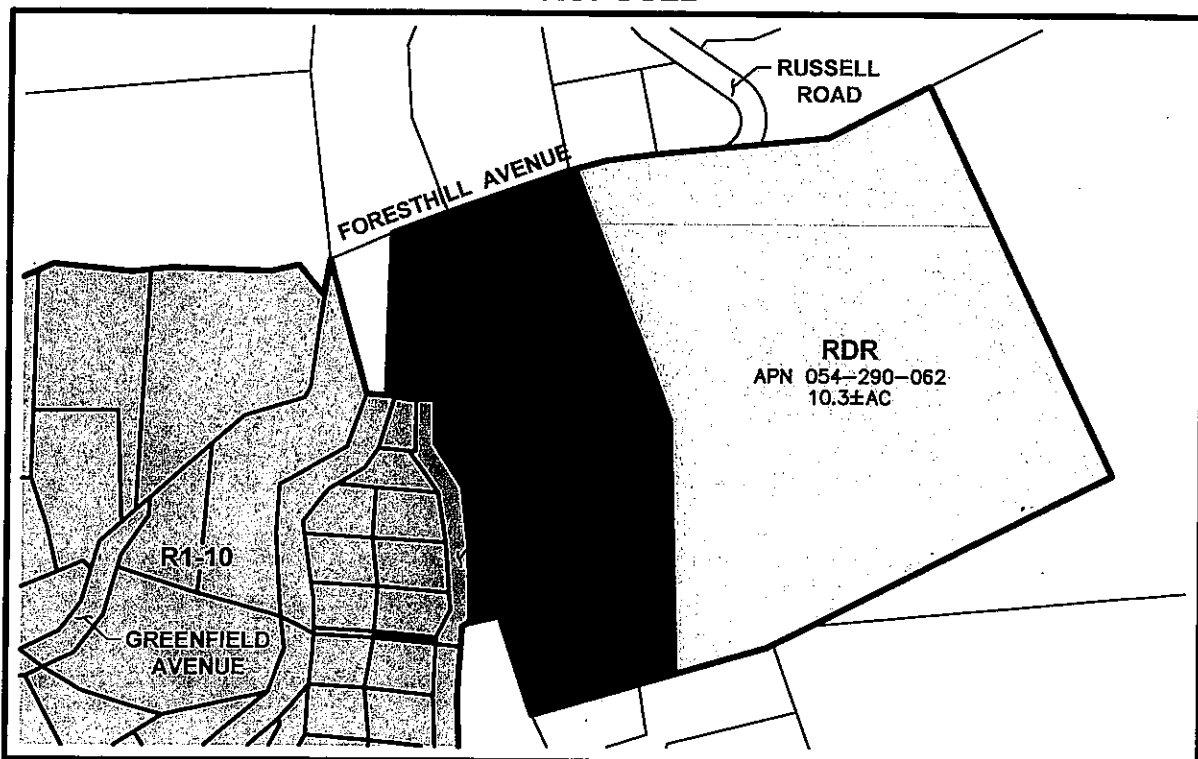
Jeff Darlington
Executive Director

Proposed General Plan Amendment

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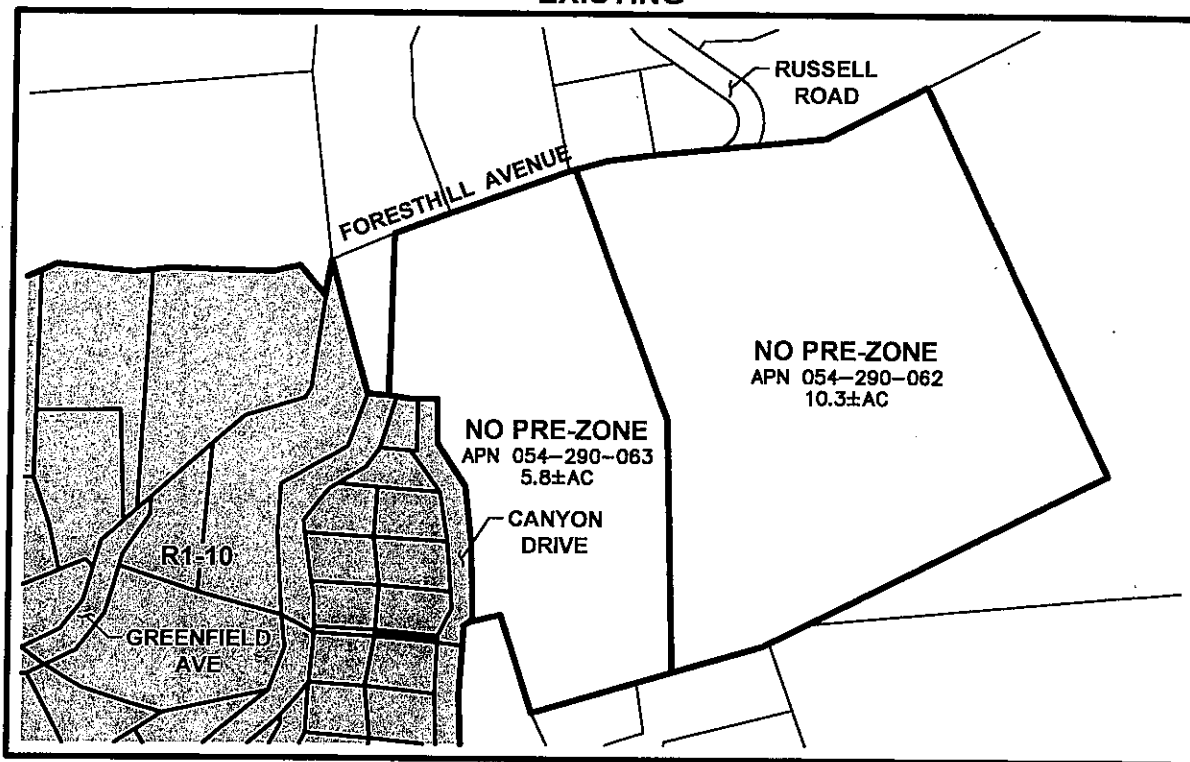


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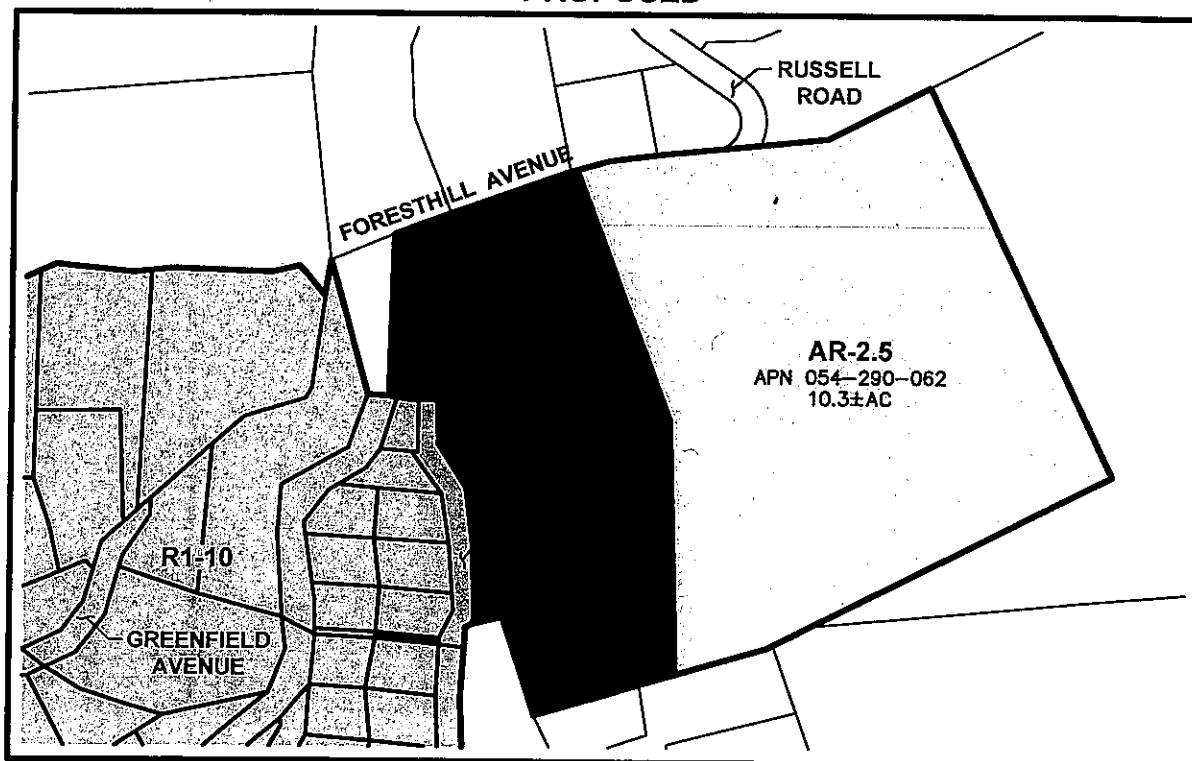


Rezoning Proposal

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EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT A

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 11-____

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION PREPARED FOR A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF TWO PROPERTIES TOTALING ±16.1 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 880 & 890 FORESTHILL AVENUE (ANN 11-1)

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES HEREBY FIND, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council has considered all of the evidence submitted which includes, but is not limited to:

1. Staff report prepared by the Community Development Department for the April 25, 2011, City Council meeting.
2. All related documents received or submitted at or prior to the meeting.
3. The City of Auburn General Plan, Subdivision Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance, City of Auburn Airport Land Use Plan, County of Placer General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, and all other applicable regulations and codes.

SECTION 2. In review of all of the foregoing evidence, the City Council finds the following:

1. The City Council, finds that the project is Categorically Exempt in accordance with Section 15319, Class 19 as the appropriate level of environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Guidelines (**Attachment 1**).
2. The property is built out in accordance with the Placer County General Plan and no further development is proposed upon annexation into the City, as proposed.
3. The City Council has determined that the Categorical Exemption is the

1 appropriate level of environmental review for the proposed project.

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3 Section 3. The time in which to seek judicial review of this decision shall
4 be governed by Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. The City Clerk shall
5 certify to the adoption of this resolution, transmit copies of the same to the
6 applicant and his counsel, if any, together with a proof of mailing in the form
7 required by law and shall enter a certified copy of this resolution in the book of
8 resolutions of the City.

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10 DATED: April 25, 2011

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12 _____
13 William W. Kirby, M.D., Mayor

14 ATTEST:

15 _____
16 Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

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18 I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify
19 that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City
of Auburn held on the 25th day of April 2011 by the following vote on roll call:

20 Ayes:

21 Noes:

22 Absent:

23 _____
24 Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk
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COUNTY RECORDER

Filing Requested by:

City of Auburn, CDD

Lance E. Lowe, AICP, Associate Planner

1225 Lincoln Way, Room 3

Address

Auburn, CA 95603

City, State, Zip

ATTACHMENT 1

Notice of Exemption

To: Placer County Clerk
2954 Richardson Drive
Auburn, CA 95603

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814



Project Title: Meyer Annexation (File # ANN 11-1) (530) 823-4211 ext 103
880 & 890 Foresthill Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

Project Location: Subject property is located at 880 & 890 Foresthill Avenue

Project: Authorization to submit an application for annexation of two properties totaling ±16.1 acres adjacent to the City of Auburn City limits.

Categorical Exemption: "15319, Class 19"

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15319, Class 19 consists of the following annexations:

- a) Annexation to a city or special district of areas containing existing public or private structures developed to the density allowed by the current zoning or pre-zoning of either the gaining or losing governmental agency whichever is more restrictive, provided, however, that the extension of utility services to the existing facilities would have a capacity to serve only the existing facilities.
- b) Annexations of individual small parcels of the minimum size of facilities exempted by Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

This is to advise that the Auburn City Council, as the lead agency in accordance with CEQA, adopted a Categorical Exemption on **April 25, 2011.**

Lead Agency Contact Person: Lance E. Lowe, AICP, Associate Planner

Telephone Number: (530) 823-4211 ext. 103

Signature (Public Agency): _____ Date: _____

Date received for filing at OPR:

FILE # _____ FILE NAME _____
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE _____

RECEIPT # _____
FEE STATUS _____

EXHIBIT B

RESOLUTION NO. 11-_____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION TO THE PLACER COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 880 & 890 FORESTHILL AVENUE (ANN 11-1)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Auburn as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council desires to initiate proceedings pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code section 56000 *et. seq.*) for the annexation of two contiguous properties totaling ± 16.1 acres located at 880 & 890 Foresthill Avenue into the City of Auburn as illustrated in **Attachment 1** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

1. The territory proposed to be annexed is uninhabited and an illustration of the boundaries of the territory is set forth in **Attachment 1** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2. The properties are within the sphere of influence of the City of Auburn.

3. Existing services are available to serve the properties proposed for annexation.

4. The proposed annexation of residential properties currently served by City services is consistent with the City of Auburn General Plan. The property is built out in accordance with the City of Auburn General Plan.

5. As all of the owners of record have agreed to the processing of this Application and the City of Auburn requests a waiver of conducting authority under Government Code Section 56663(a). and,

6. The annexation of properties into the City of Auburn is not subject to a Williamson Act Contract.

1 SECTION 2. Upon application approval by the Placer County Local Formation
2 Commission, the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into and sign any
3 documentation necessary to ratify the property annexation.

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5 DATED: April 25, 2011
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8 William W. Kirby, M.D., Mayor

9 ATTEST:

10 Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk
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13 I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify
14 that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City
of Auburn held on the 25th day of April, 2011 by the following vote on roll call:

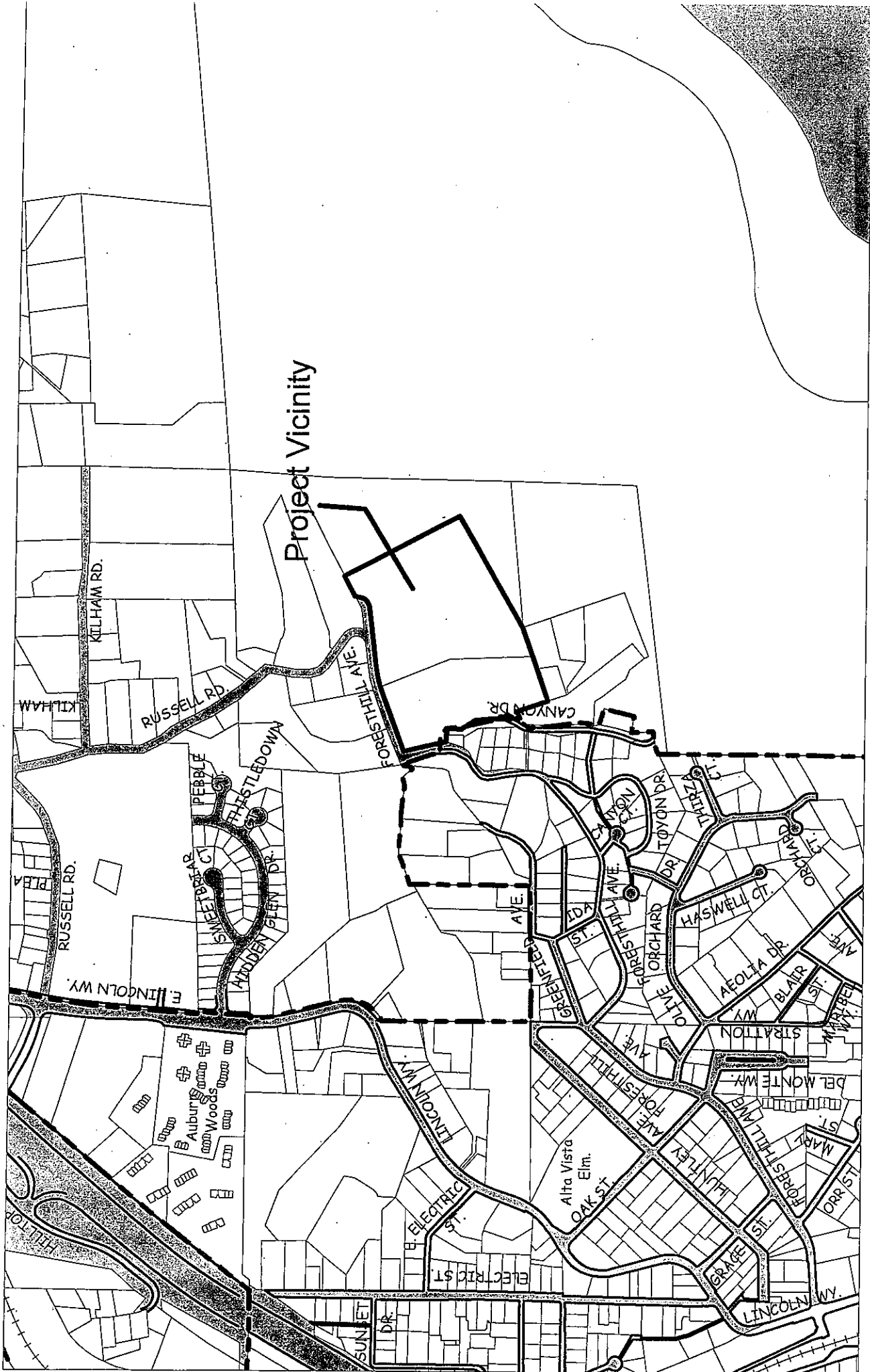
15 Ayes:

16 Noes:

17 Absent:

18 Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk
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880 & 890 Foresthill Avenue



Project Vicinity



Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item
Agenda Item No. 5
<i>[Signature]</i> City Manager's Approval

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
From: Robert Richardson, City Manager
Andy Heath, Administrative Services Director
Date: April 25, 2011
Subject: CalPERS Contract Amendment Urgency Ordinance – Section 21362 (2% @ 50 Full Formula) for Local Safety Members

The Issue

Shall the City Council readopt Ordinance No. 11-01 as an Urgency Ordinance approving an amendment to the Contract between the City of Auburn and CalPERS providing Public Employees' Retirement Law Section 20475 (Different Level of Benefits) for local safety members whereby Section 21362 (2% @ 50 Full Formula) is applicable to local safety members entering membership for the first time in the safety classification after the effective date of the amendment to the contract?

Conclusions and Recommendations

Readopt Ordinance No. 11-01 as an **URGENCY ORDINANCE**, approving an amendment to the contract between the City of Auburn and CalPERS, providing Public Employees' Retirement Law Section 20475 (Different Level of Benefits) for local safety members whereby Section 21362 (2% @ 50 Full Formula) is applicable to local safety members entering membership for the first time in the safety classification after the effective date of the amendment to the contract.

Background

On September 13, 2010, the City Council approved Resolutions No. 10-116 and 10-117 adopting the Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with the Auburn Police Officer's Association and the Auburn Firefighter's Association, respectively. Additionally, the City Council will consider the recommended approval of the Auburn Police Sergeant's Association MOU on February 14, 2011. As referenced in all three of the aforementioned MOU's, the City and each respective association have agreed to amend the contract with CalPERS to provide the Public Employees' Retirement Law Section 21362 (2% @ 50 Full Formula) benefits for local safety members entering membership for the first time in the safety classification after the effective date of the amendment to the contract. This

will significantly reduce the cost to the City of retirement benefits for new hires in these bargaining units.

As a means to begin the process of implementing the necessary changes to the CalPERS contract, the City Council approved Resolutions No. 11-04 and 11-05 on January 10, 2011, effectuating the intent to amend the City's contract with CalPERS and disclosing the cost of providing the enhanced benefit, respectively. The final step in the contract amendment implementation process is to enact an ordinance codifying the change to the benefit structure.

On February 28, 2011, the City approved a second reading of the ordinance effectuating the aforementioned benefit changes to the CalPERS contract. Inconsistent with CalPERS requirements, however, the second and final reading of the ordinance was erroneously placed on the City Council Agenda Consent Calendar. The action recommended herein, coupled with the placement of this item on the agenda for discussion as a non-consent business item, enables the City to move forward with the contract amendment process. Because of timing issues, it is recommended that this ordinance be readopted as an urgency ordinance to take effect immediately.

Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives

1. Readopt the ordinance as an urgency ordinance as recommended by staff.
2. Do not readopt the ordinance and direct staff accordingly. This option may require legal advice regarding the City's obligations under existing MOUs with employee bargaining units.

Fiscal Impact

Future annual costs will be 14.172% of reportable earnings for local safety members entering the membership for the first time after the effective date of the amendment to the contract.

Attachments – Feb. 28, 2011 Report to City Council (Contract Amendment Ordinance)
Draft Amendment to CalPERS Contract

ORDINANCE NO. 11-01U

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN,
CALIFORNIA READOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 11-01 TO APPROVE
THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
AUBURN AND CALPERS PROVIDING SECTION 21362 (2% @ 50
FULL FORMULA) FOR LOCAL SAFETY MEMBERS ENTERING THE
MEMBERSHIP FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE
OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
ORDINANCE NO. 11-01 OF THE CITY OF AUBURN IS HEREBY READOPTED
TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: Amendment. An Amendment to the contract between
the City Council of the City of Auburn and the Board of Administration of the
California Public Employees' Retirement system is hereby approved. A copy of
said Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by
reference herein.

Section Two: Authority to Execute Amendment. The Mayor of the
City Council for the City of Auburn is hereby authorized, empowered, and
directed to execute said Amendment for and on behalf of the City of Auburn.

Section Three: Severability. Should any provision of this Ordinance,
or its application to any person or circumstance, be determined by a court of
competent jurisdiction to be unlawful, unenforceable, or otherwise void, that
determination shall have no effect on any other provision of this Ordinance or
the application of this Ordinance to any other person or circumstance and, to
that end, the provisions hereof are severable.

Section Four: Effective Date. Pursuant to Section 36937(B) of the California Government Code, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately because its passage is required for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The facts constituting the emergency are these: the City is obliged by existing memoranda of understanding with employee bargaining units to provide reduced retirement benefits to new employees hired into those units and needs to do so to reduce the cost of those benefits in light of pressing, adverse economic circumstances. The ordinance was previously adopted pursuant to consent calendar action, which is not acceptable to PERS, accordingly it is necessary to readopt the ordinance as a non-consent business item and to have the matter take effect immediately to fulfill the City's obligations to its employees and to protect its fiscal position so it can continue to provide essential public services for the protection of the public peace, health and safety.

Section Five: Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall give notice of its adoption as required by law. Pursuant to Government Code Section 36933, a summary of this Ordinance may be published and posted in lieu of publication and posting of the entire text.

DATED: April 25, 2011

WILLIAM W. KIRBY, MD, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

1 I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify
2 that the foregoing ordinance was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City
3 Council of the City of Auburn held on the 25th day of April 2011 by the
following vote on roll call:

4 Ayes:

5 Noes:

6 Absent:

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

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9 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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13 Michael G. Colantuono, City Attorney



EXHIBIT

California
Public Employees' Retirement System

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT

Between the
Board of Administration
California Public Employees' Retirement System
and the
City Council
City of Auburn

The Board of Administration, California Public Employees' Retirement System, hereinafter referred to as Board, and the governing body of the above public agency, hereinafter referred to as Public Agency, having entered into a contract effective July 1, 1970, and witnessed March 31, 1970, and as amended effective July 1, 1973, November 1, 1978, July 1, 1984, June 24, 1993, June 16, 1996, September 16, 2000, April 16, 2002, April 10, 2003 and July 1, 2010 which provides for participation of Public Agency in said System, Board and Public Agency hereby agree as follows:

- A. Paragraphs 1 through 13 are hereby stricken from said contract as executed effective July 1, 2010, and hereby replaced by the following paragraphs numbered 1 through 14 inclusive:
1. All words and terms used herein which are defined in the Public Employees' Retirement Law shall have the meaning as defined therein unless otherwise specifically provided. "Normal retirement age" shall mean age 55 for local miscellaneous members and age 50 for local safety members.
 2. Public Agency shall participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System from and after July 1, 1970 making its employees as hereinafter provided, members of said System subject to all provisions of the Public Employees' Retirement Law except such as apply only on election of a contracting agency and are not provided for herein and to all amendments to said Law hereafter enacted except those, which by express provisions thereof, apply only on the election of a contracting agency.

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3. Public Agency agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and its trustees, agents and employees, the CalPERS Board of Administration, and the California Public Employees' Retirement Fund from any claims, demands, actions, losses, liabilities, damages, judgments, expenses and costs, including but not limited to interest, penalties and attorneys fees that may arise as a result of any of the following:
 - (a) Public Agency's election to provide retirement benefits, provisions or formulas under this Contract that are different than the retirement benefits, provisions or formulas provided under the Public Agency's prior non-CalPERS retirement program.
 - (b) Public Agency's election to amend this Contract to provide retirement benefits, provisions or formulas that are different than existing retirement benefits, provisions or formulas.
 - (c) Public Agency's agreement with a third party other than CalPERS to provide retirement benefits, provisions, or formulas that are different than the retirement benefits, provisions or formulas provided under this Contract and provided for under the California Public Employees' Retirement Law.
 - (d) Public Agency's election to file for bankruptcy under Chapter 9 (commencing with section 901) of Title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code and/or Public Agency's election to reject this Contract with the CalPERS Board of Administration pursuant to section 365, of Title 11, of the United States Bankruptcy Code or any similar provision of law.
 - (e) Public Agency's election to assign this Contract without the prior written consent of the CalPERS' Board of Administration.
 - (f) The termination of this Contract either voluntarily by request of Public Agency or involuntarily pursuant to the Public Employees' Retirement Law.
 - (g) Changes sponsored by Public Agency in existing retirement benefits, provisions or formulas made as a result of amendments, additions or deletions to California statute or to the California Constitution.
4. Employees of Public Agency in the following classes shall become members of said Retirement System except such in each such class as are excluded by law or this agreement:
 - a. Local Fire Fighters (herein referred to as local safety members);
 - b. Local Police Officers (herein referred to as local safety members);

PLEASE DO NOT SIGN "EXHIBIT ONLY"

- c. Employees other than local safety members (herein referred to as local miscellaneous members).
- 5. In addition to the classes of employees excluded from membership by said Retirement Law, the following classes of employees shall not become members of said Retirement System:
 - a. **PERSONS COMPENSATED ON AN HOURLY BASIS.**
- 6. The percentage of final compensation to be provided for each year of credited prior and current service for local miscellaneous members shall be determined in accordance with Section 21354 of said Retirement Law, subject to the reduction provided therein for service prior to July 30, 1973, termination of Social Security, for members whose service has been included in Federal Social Security (2% at age 55 Full and Modified).
- 7. The percentage of final compensation to be provided for each year of credited prior and current service as a local safety member entering membership in the safety classification on or prior to the effective date of this amendment to contract shall be determined in accordance with Section 21362.2 of said Retirement Law (3% at age 50 Full).
- 8. The percentage of final compensation to be provided for each year of credited current service as a local safety member entering membership for the first time in the safety classification after the effective date of this amendment to contract shall be determined in accordance with Section 21362 of said Retirement Law (2% at age 50 Full).
- 9. Public Agency elected and elects to be subject to the following optional provisions:
 - a. Section 20042 (One-Year Final Compensation).
 - b. Section 21222.1 (One-Time 5% Increase - 1970). Legislation repealed said Section effective January 1, 1980.
 - c. Section 20965 (Credit for Unused Sick Leave).
 - d. Section 21024 (Military Service Credit as Public Service).
 - e. Section 20903 (Two Years Additional Service Credit).
 - f. Section 21574 (Fourth Level of 1959 Survivor Benefits) for local fire members only.

- g. Section 20475 (Different Level of Benefits). Section 21362 (2% @ 50 Full formula) is applicable to local safety members entering membership for the first time in the safety classification after the effective date of this amendment to contract.
- 10. Public Agency, in accordance with Government Code Section 20790, ceased to be an "employer" for purposes of Section 20834 effective on November 1, 1978. Accumulated contributions of Public Agency shall be fixed and determined as provided in Government Code Section 20834, and accumulated contributions thereafter shall be held by the Board as provided in Government Code Section 20834.
- 11. Public Agency shall contribute to said Retirement System the contributions determined by actuarial valuations of prior and future service liability with respect to local miscellaneous members and local safety members of said Retirement System.
- 12. Public Agency shall also contribute to said Retirement System as follows:
 - a. Contributions required per covered member on account of the 1959 Survivor Benefits provided under Section 21574 of said Retirement Law. (Subject to annual change.) In addition, all assets and liabilities of Public Agency and its employees shall be pooled in a single account, based on term insurance rates, for survivors of all local fire members.
 - b. A reasonable amount, as fixed by the Board, payable in one installment within 60 days of date of contract to cover the costs of administering said System as it affects the employees of Public Agency, not including the costs of special valuations or of the periodic investigation and valuations required by law.
 - c. A reasonable amount, as fixed by the Board, payable in one installment as the occasions arise, to cover the costs of special valuations on account of employees of Public Agency, and costs of the periodic investigation and valuations required by law.
- 13. Contributions required of Public Agency and its employees shall be subject to adjustment by Board on account of amendments to the Public Employees' Retirement Law, and on account of the experience under the Retirement System as determined by the periodic investigation and valuation required by said Retirement Law.

14. Contributions required of Public Agency and its employees shall be paid by Public Agency to the Retirement System within fifteen days after the end of the period to which said contributions refer or as may be prescribed by Board regulation. If more or less than the correct amount of contributions is paid for any period, proper adjustment shall be made in connection with subsequent remittances. Adjustments on account of errors in contributions required of any employee may be made by direct payments between the employee and the Board.

B. This amendment shall be effective on the _____ day of _____, _____.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AUBURN

BY _____
LORI MCGARTLAND, CHIEF
EMPLOYER SERVICES DIVISION
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

BY _____
PRESIDING OFFICER

Witness Date

Attest:

Clerk



Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

Agenda Item No.

City Manager's Approval

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
From: Robert Richardson, City Manager
Andy Heath, Administrative Services Director
Date: February 28, 2011
Subject: CalPERS Contract Amendment Ordinance – Section 21362 (2% @ 50 Full Formula) for Local Safety Members – Second Reading

The Issue

Shall the City Council adopt an Ordinance approving an amendment to the Contract between the City of Auburn and CalPERS providing Public Employees' Retirement Law Section 20475 (Different Level of Benefits) for local safety members whereby Section 21362 (2% @ 50 Full Formula) is applicable to local safety members entering membership for the first time in the safety classification after the effective date of the amendment to the contract?

Conclusions and Recommendations

By **ORDINANCE**, approve an amendment to the contract between the City of Auburn and CalPERS, providing Public Employees' Retirement Law Section 20475 (Different Level of Benefits) for local safety members whereby Section 21362 (2% @ 50 Full Formula) is applicable to local safety members entering membership for the first time in the safety classification after the effective date of the amendment to the contract.

Background

NOTE: This item constitutes a second reading of a proposed ordinance to amend the agreement between the City of Auburn and the California Public Employee's Retirement System. The initial reading was part of the February 14, 2011 City Council Agenda.

On September 13, 2010, the City Council approved Resolutions No. 10-116 and 10-117 adopting the Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with the Auburn Police Officer's Association and the Auburn Firefighter's Association, respectively. Additionally, the City Council will consider the recommended approval of the Auburn Police Sergeant's Association MOU on February 14, 2011. As referenced in all three of the aforementioned MOU's, the City and each respective association have agreed to amend the contract with CalPERS to provide the Public Employees' Retirement Law Section 21362 (2% @ 50

Full Formula) benefits for local safety members entering membership for the first time in the safety classification after the effective date of the amendment to the contract.

As a means to begin the process of implementing the necessary changes to the CalPERS contract, the City Council approved Resolutions No. 11-04 and 11-05 on January 10, 2011, effectuating the intent to amend the City's contract with CalPERS and disclosing the cost of providing the enhanced benefit, respectively. The final step in the contract amendment implementation process is to enact an ordinance codifying the change to the benefit structure.

Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives

1. Adopt the ordinance as recommended by staff.
2. Do not adopt the ordinances and direct staff accordingly.

Fiscal Impact

Future annual costs will be 14.172% of reportable earnings for local safety members entering the membership for the first time after the effective date of the amendment to the contract.

Attachment – Draft Amendment to CalPERS Contract
PRIOR STAFF REPORT



Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

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Agenda Item No.

City Manager's Approval

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Councilman Kevin Hanley
Date: April 25, 2011
Subject: California Citizens Redistricting Commission and Placer County

The Issue

Shall the City Council send a letter to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission requesting that Placer County be kept whole in the redistricting process?

Shall the City Council encourage other public and private sector leaders in Placer County to send a similar letter to the Commission?

Conclusion and Recommendation

That the City Council directs the City Manager to: (1) Mail the enclosed letter from the Auburn City Council to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission requesting that Placer County be kept whole in the redistricting process and (2) Send an email with this attached report and sample letter to the administrative point person representing Placer County, the four other cities and town of Loomis, Placer County Transportation Agency, Placer County Water Agency, Sierra College and various school districts and local chambers of commerce encouraging their governing boards to similarly send a letter to the Commission in support of keeping Placer County whole in the redistricting process.

Background

The 14-member California Citizens Redistricting Commission was created by the voters to draw state Congressional, Legislative and Board of Equalization districts. The Commission is holding public hearings throughout the state and has their first meeting on April 9th in Reading. The Commission will release draft district maps in June and issue certified final maps by August 15. The final maps for the districts will be in effect for ten years.

Several residents in Auburn have mentioned to me that they are concerned that without any input from public and private sector leaders in our region that Placer County will be sliced and diced rather than kept whole in the district maps. This is the situation now. The redistricting gerrymander of 2000 by the California Legislature resulted in the balkanization of Placer County into three Assembly districts and two State Senate districts. A better outcome can be achieved. The residents of Placer County can best be represented at the state and federal levels when Placer County as a whole is a major portion of the elected official's constituency.

The Commission will draw district boundaries of approximately equal size (maximum 5% population variation) for 53 Congressional districts of approximately 702,804 persons; 40 State Senate districts of 931,349 persons; 80 Assembly districts of 465,674 persons; and four BOE seats with 9.3 million persons.

Background continued

Since Placer County has a growing population of over 330,000 residents, it makes sense that public and private sector leaders in Placer County should request that the Commission provide that all of Placer County be the central element in the district boundary of one Assembly seat and a major component of the State Senate, Congressional and BOE seats.

Placer County, the five other cities and town of Loomis, transportation agency, water agency, Sierra College and various school districts and local chambers of commerce should each send a letter to the Commission that requests that Placer County be kept whole in the redistricting process. The City of Auburn can get the ball rolling by mailing a copy of the enclosed letter to the Commission and then emailing this report and our sample letter to each of above-mentioned jurisdictions encouraging their governing boards send a similar letter to the Commission.

Alternatives

Take no action. Let the Commission redraw the district lines without input from Auburn or other public or private sector leaders in Placer County.

Fiscal Impact

None. Since I will provide the email addresses to city staff, the task of mailing the letter to the Commission and sending a blast email will take one hour or less.

Proposed Letter to the Commission

April 25, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

We respectfully request that the Commission keep Placer County whole when issuing the final district maps for the Assembly, State Senate, Congress, and the Board of Equalization. With a growing population of over 330,000 residents, all of Placer County, from Granite Bay to Lake Tahoe, should be the central element in the district boundaries of one Assembly seat and a major component of the State Senate, Congressional and BOE seats. The cities of Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Roseville, Rocklin, the town of Loomis and the northern communities of Lake Tahoe should be kept together in one Assembly seat.

As one of the earliest established counties in California, elected officials, civil servants, business owners and residents in Placer County have developed strong ties in identifying and coming together to solve public policy problems. Since the Gold Rush days, we have over time developed important infrastructure networks and service delivery systems to benefit all residents in Placer County.

We believe that our residents would benefit if Placer County were kept whole in the district boundaries for our elected state and federal representatives. Unfortunately, the redistricting gerrymander of 2000 resulted in the balkanization of Placer County into three Assembly districts and two State Senate districts. From a public policy point of view, this doesn't make any sense. Placer County represents a strong and cohesive community of interest and keeping our county whole in the drawing of the district boundaries will help the Commission fulfill its important mission.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Mayor William W. Kirby

Vice Mayor Keith Nesbitt

Councilman Kevin Hanley

Councilman Mike Holmes

Councilmember Bridget Powers

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